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In re application of Allowed July 27, 2006
Ryuji TOMITA et al. Conf. 4530
Application No. 10/807,239 Group 2814
Filed March 24, 2004 Examiner Long Pham
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE WITH GUARD RING FOR PREVENTING WATER FROM
ENTERING CIRCUIT REGION FROM OUTSIDE

LETTER CONFIRMING CLAIM FOR FOREIGN PRIORITY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents August 14, 2006
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Receipt of the Notice of Allowability, dated July 27, 2006, is acknowledged. The Notice indicates that the priority document has not yet been received.

It is, however, pointed out that a certified copy of the applicant's corresponding Japanese Priority Application No. 2003-098163 was filed in the USPTO on March 24, 2004, as is evidenced by the accompanying postcard receipt bearing the OIPE mailroom stamp.

Another copy of the transmittal letter claiming the benefit of the priority date of the above-identified Japanese application, as well as the front page of the priority document is also enclosed.

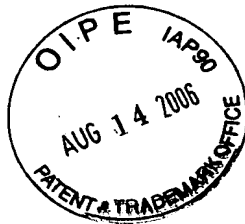
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A. ATTACHED IS A NEW PATENT APPLICATION

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TITLE: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE WITH GUARD RING FOR PREVENTING WATER FROM ENTERING CIRCUIT REGION FROM OUTSIDE

FILING DATE: March 24, 2004

CONSISTING OF:

☒ Transmittal letter

23 Pages specification (English) w/12 claims

14 Sheets Of Formal Drawings

☒ Application Data Sheet

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☐ Computer readable Seq. List. (diskette)

☒ Priority doc. (1) - JP Appln. No. 2003-098163

☒ Executed declaration (1)

☒ Info. Disclosure Statement w/1449

☒ 1 Cited References

☒ Abstract

☐ Preliminary Amendment

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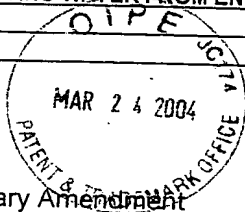
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CLAIM TO PRIORITY

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March 24, 2004

Sir:

Applicant(s) herewith claim(s) the benefit of the
priority filing date of the following application(s) for the
above-entitled U.S. application under the provisions of 35
U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filed</u>
JAPAN	2003-098163	April 1, 2003

Certified copy(ies) of the above-noted application(s)
is(are) attached hereto.

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This is to certify that the annexed is a true copy of the following application as filed with this Office.

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